

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 11/24/10 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Regarding newly added claims 33-50, applicant's arguments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections. See 37 CFR 1.111.

In addition, it is noted that regarding applicant's amendments to the text of the claims, when markings are required, the text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of ***five or fewer*** consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. Please review the 11/24/10 response claim 15, page 10, lines 1 (recorded) and line 5 (accumulated) for compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 as well.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RACHEL L. PORTER whose telephone number is (571)272-6775. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Morgan can be reached on (571) 272-6773. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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